

# Christ's Power over Problems

Matthew 8:1-4(1-3)

**Theme:** No problem is too big for Jesus Christ.

-Because Christ has power and control over everything, He can help us with anything and everything that face... no matter how hard we think it is.

-Because no problem is too big for Jesus Christ, We should demonstrate respect for, contentment with, and faith in the power of Jesus Christ.

5 Responses to the power of Jesus Christ...

**I. Because no problem is too big for Jesus Christ... We should be as close to Christ as we can.** (v.1)

Like the crowd, we must learn to do all that we can to learn about Christ and build our relationship with Him.

**II. Because no problem is too big for Jesus Christ... We should show respect and honor to the person of Christ.** (*there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord.*)

-Leprosy was a skin disease which would eat away at the flesh.

-It was viewed in Bible times even worse than we would view AIDS.

-Many commentators say that the people of those times would associate leprosy as a picture of sin.

-The people in the crowd were about to learn how no problem is too bad for Jesus

-They were also about to learn from the leper, how we are to respond to/handle the power of Jesus.

-The leper showed respect and honor to Christ. When we approach Christ, do we show Him the respect and honor that He deserves?

According to this passage, Worship is:

1. A human's communication to God ("Saying, Lord,")

2. Showing honor and respect to God ("Lord")

3. An attitude of submission to God's will and plan ("If thou wilt")

4. An attitude of faith/confidence in God's power. ("thou canst make me clean")

**III. Even though no problem is too big for Jesus Christ... We should have contentment in the plan of Christ** (v.2: "*If thou wilt*")

- The leper realized that Jesus had the power to control any situation.

-When we truly are where we should be spiritually, we will have a peace and contentment with God's plan that will put His honor and plan above our own honor and our own plans.

-Like the leper, we should have the attitude of “if thou wilt,” instead of demanding things from God.

**IV. Because no problem is too big for Jesus Christ... We should have confidence/faith in the power of Christ.** (v.2: “*Thou canst make me clean*”)

- The leper believed that Jesus had the power to heal his body from his leprosy.
- Faith is the key that opens Christ’s power to us. When we have a deep faith in God it is like opening a locked door so that He can come in and show us His power.
- We must learn to have *contentment* with the plan of Christ, while having confidence (faith) in the *power* of Christ.
- The leper had showed respect for Christ’s person, contentment in Christ’s plan, and confidence in Christ’s power.

**V. Because no problem is too big for Jesus Christ... He is worthy of our respect, contentment, and confidence.** (v.3)

- I think that Jesus touched the leper to show that He had power over the disease and wasn’t affected by it.
- The leper’s filthy, diseased, rotting, stinky skin was made clean... just because of the touch of the Master’s hand!
- Jesus deserves our respect and faith. He is worthy!

At salvation, our heart is made completely clean by Jesus Christ’s blood. What an awesome picture of the love, power, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## **So what?**

How does this apply to us?

“Jesus Christ is more powerful than any situation that I face!”

Because no problem is too big for Jesus Christ...

- I. We should be as close to Christ as we can. (v.1)
- II. We should show respect and honor Christ’s Person (v.2: “worshiped Him”)
- III. We should have contentment in Christ’s Plan (v.2: “If thou wilt”)
- IV. We should have confidence in Christ’s Power. (v.2 “Thou canst make me clean”)
- V. He is worthy of our respect, contentment, and confidence. (v.3)